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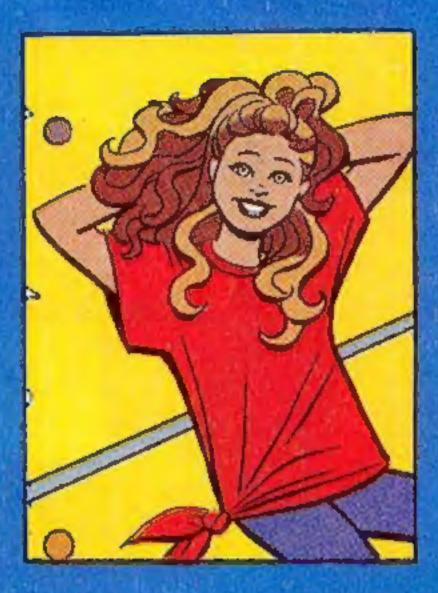
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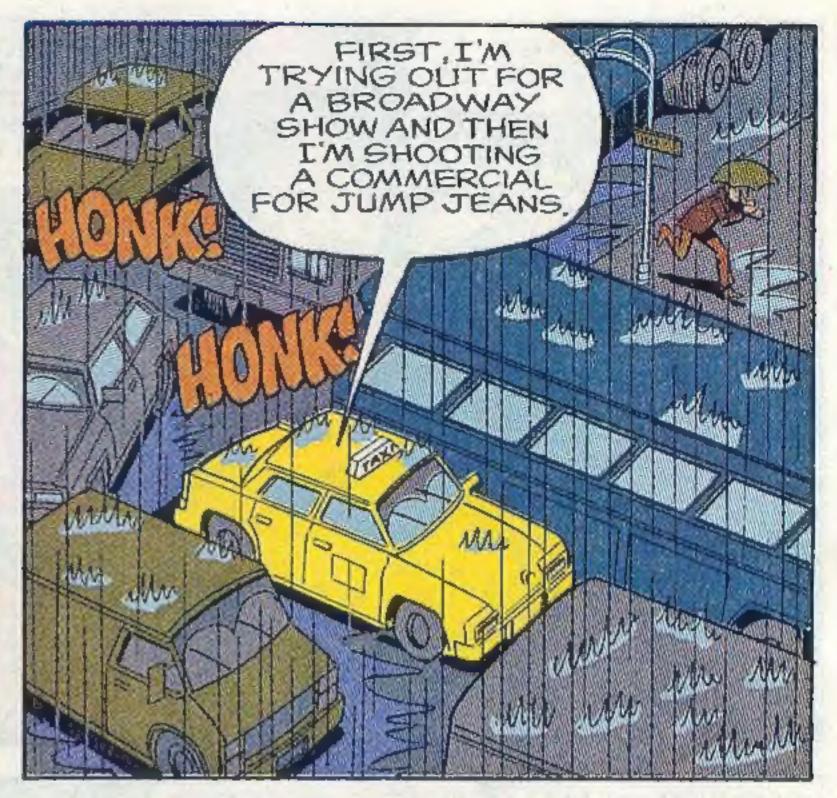






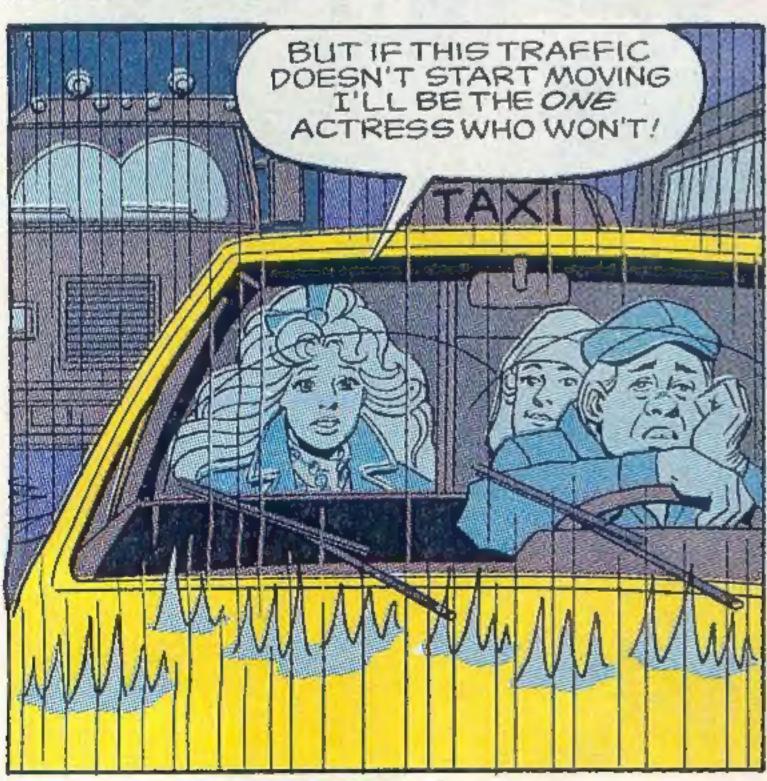






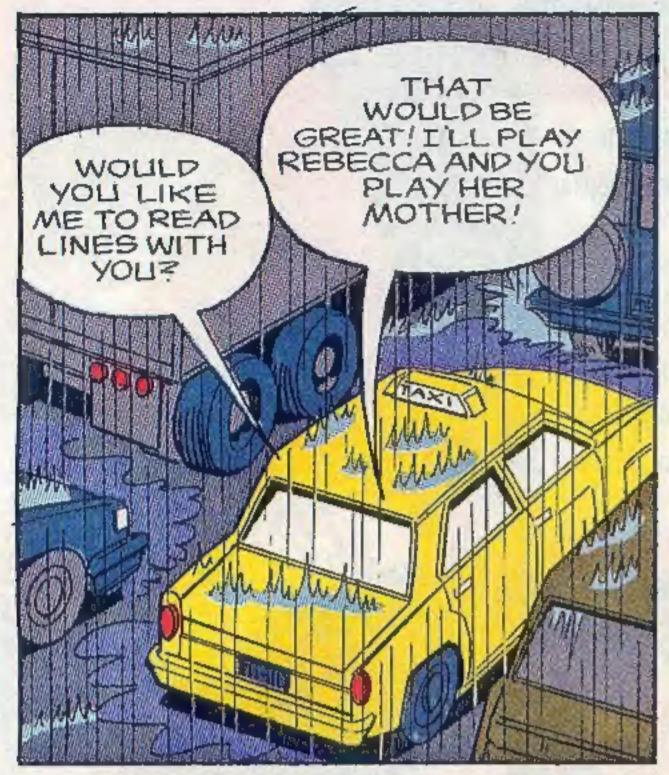




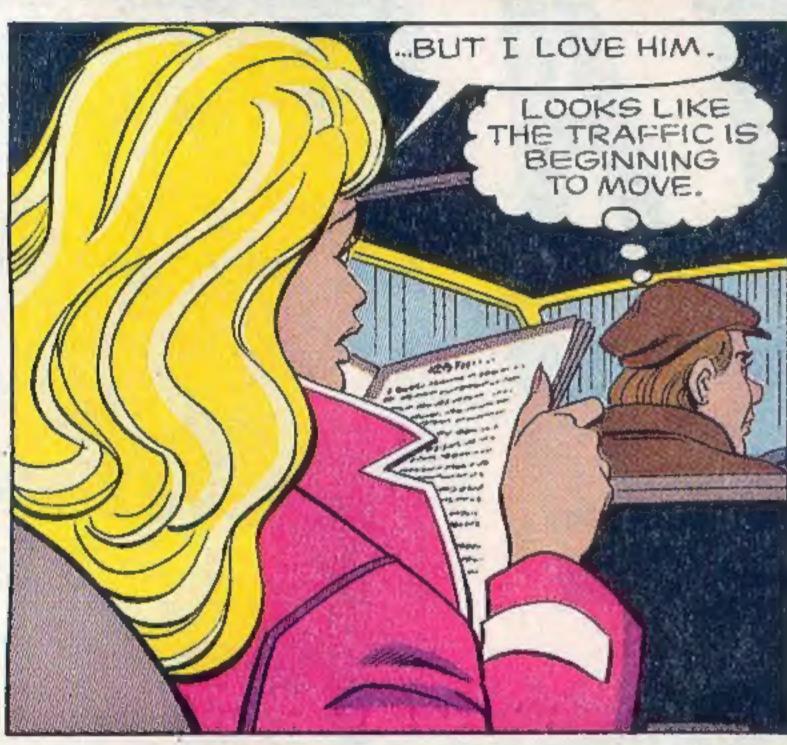






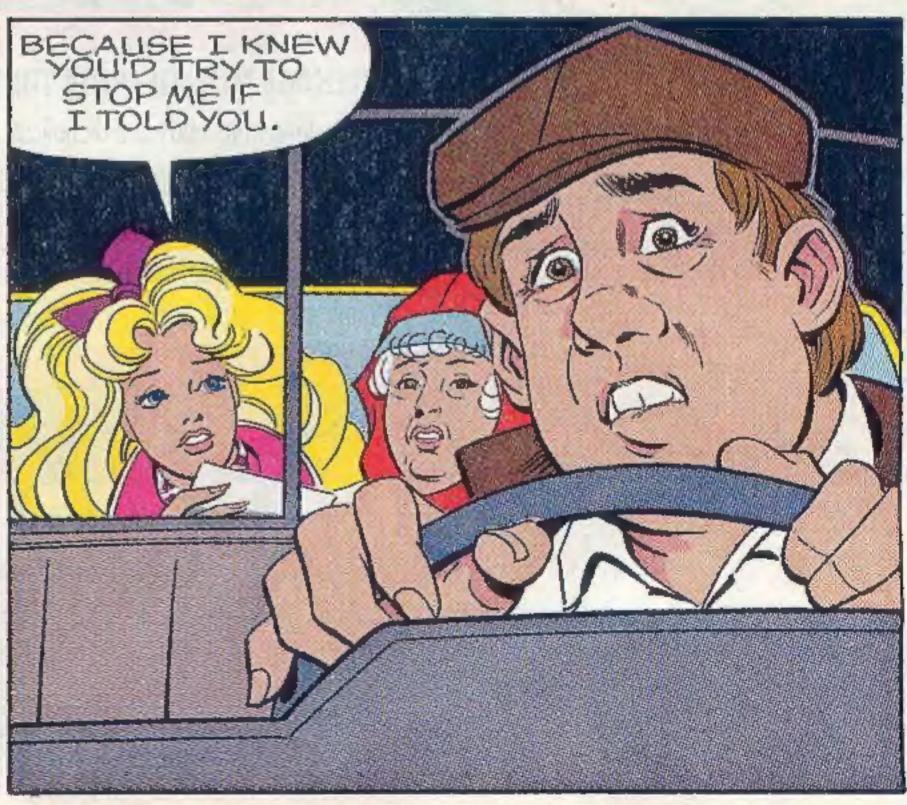




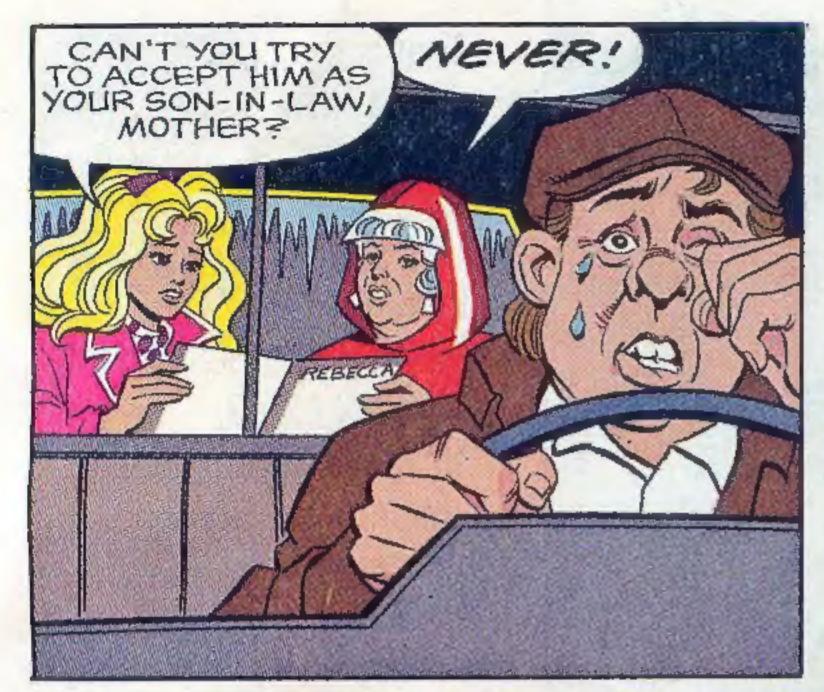






















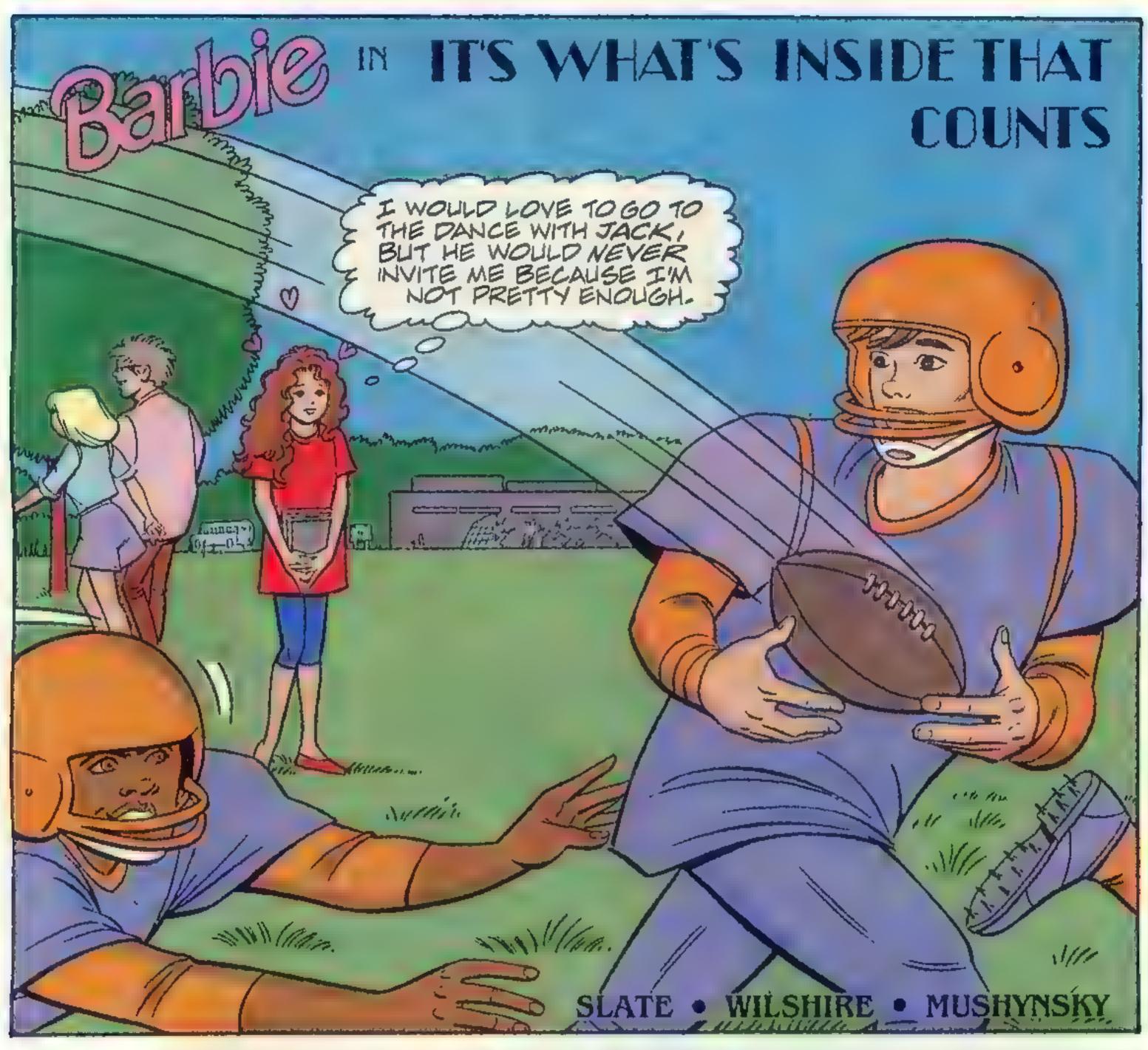








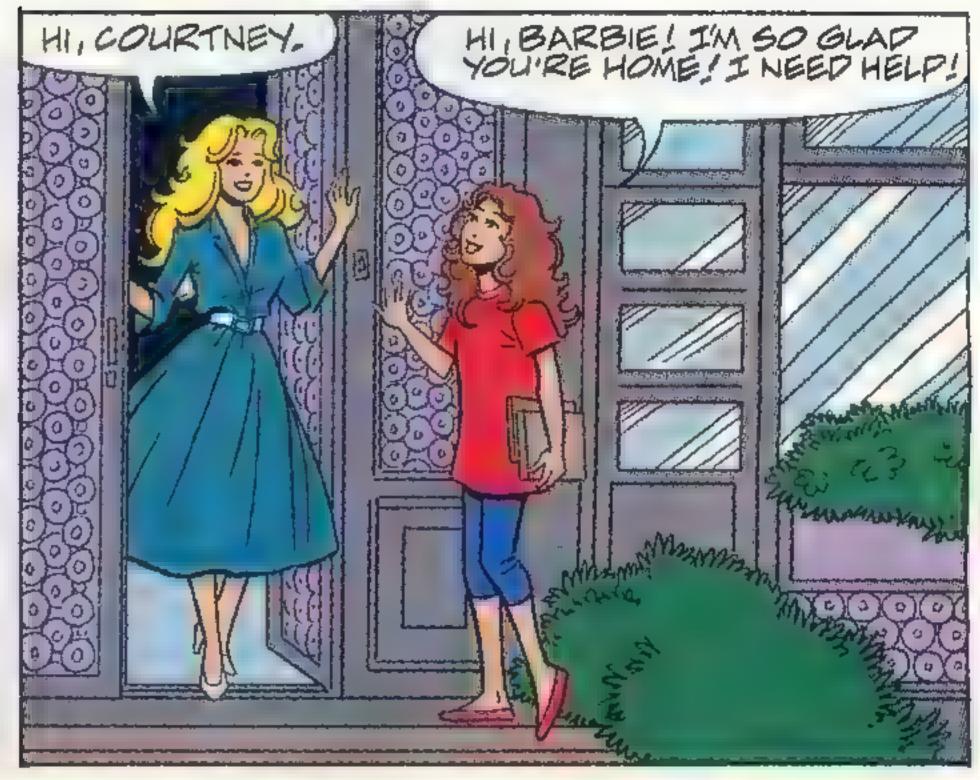




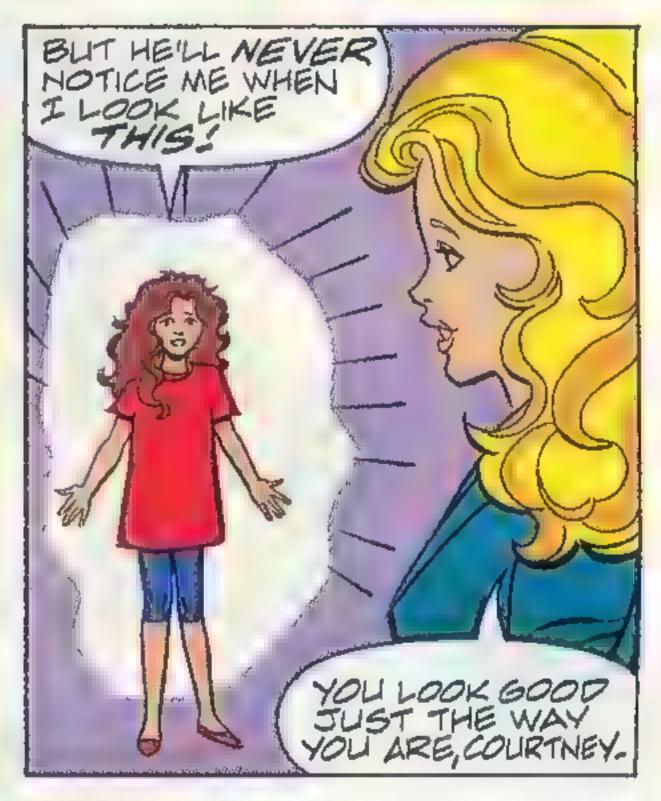




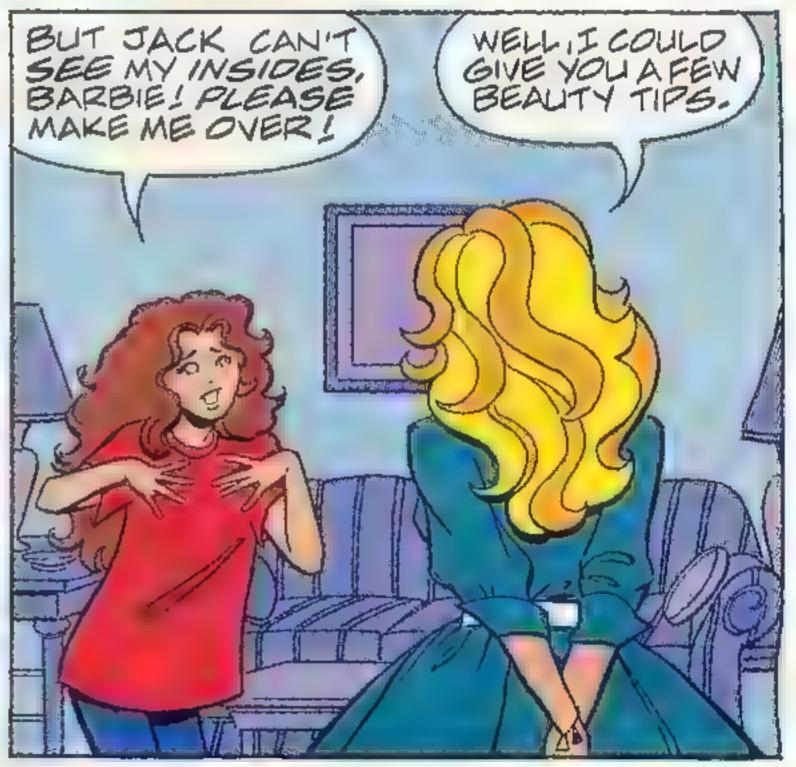


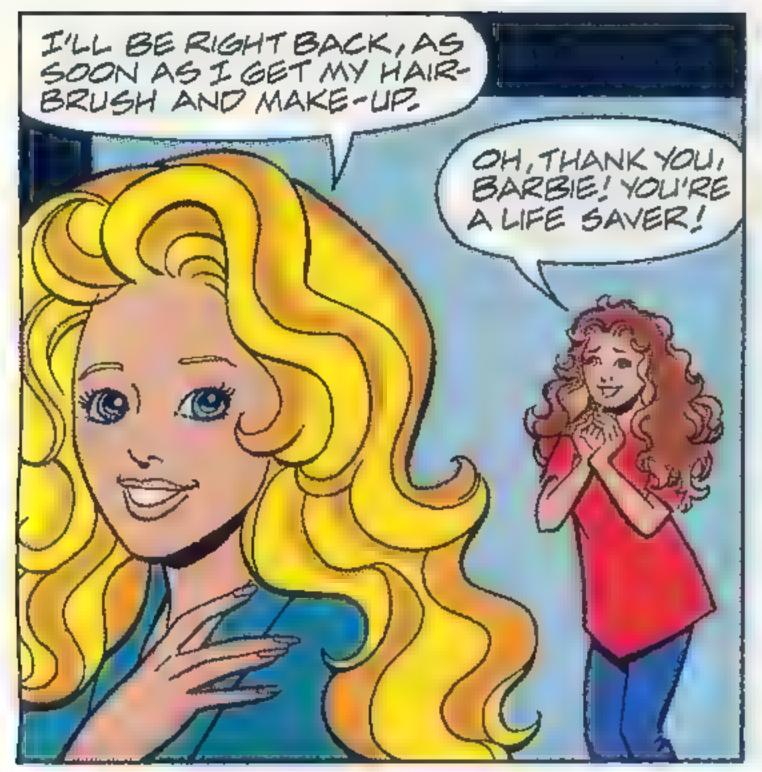


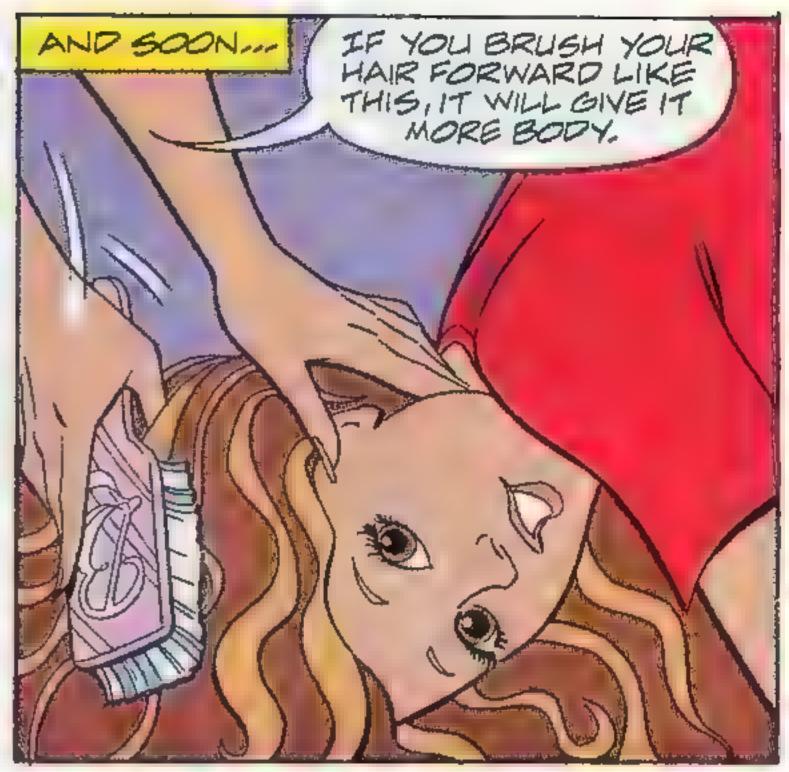




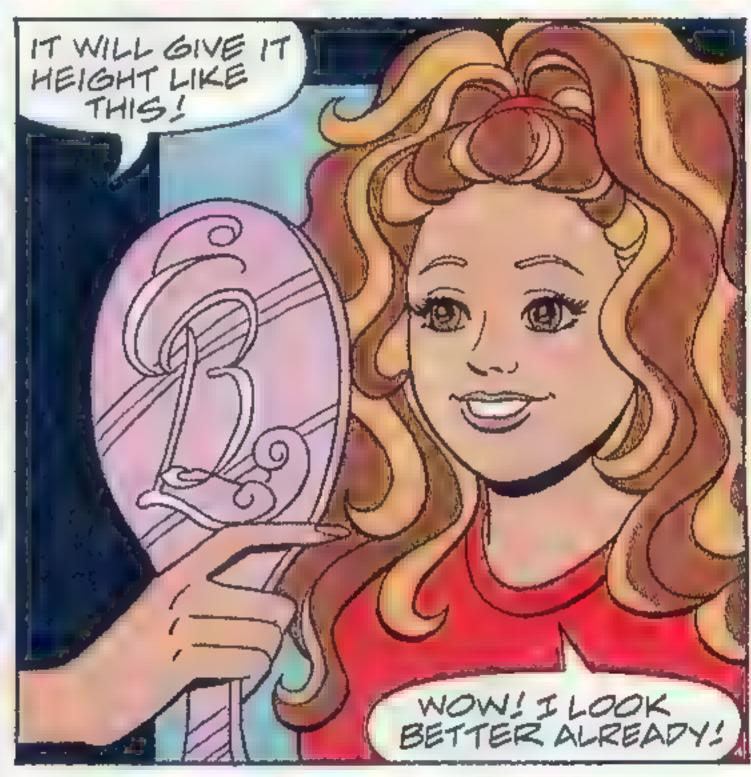


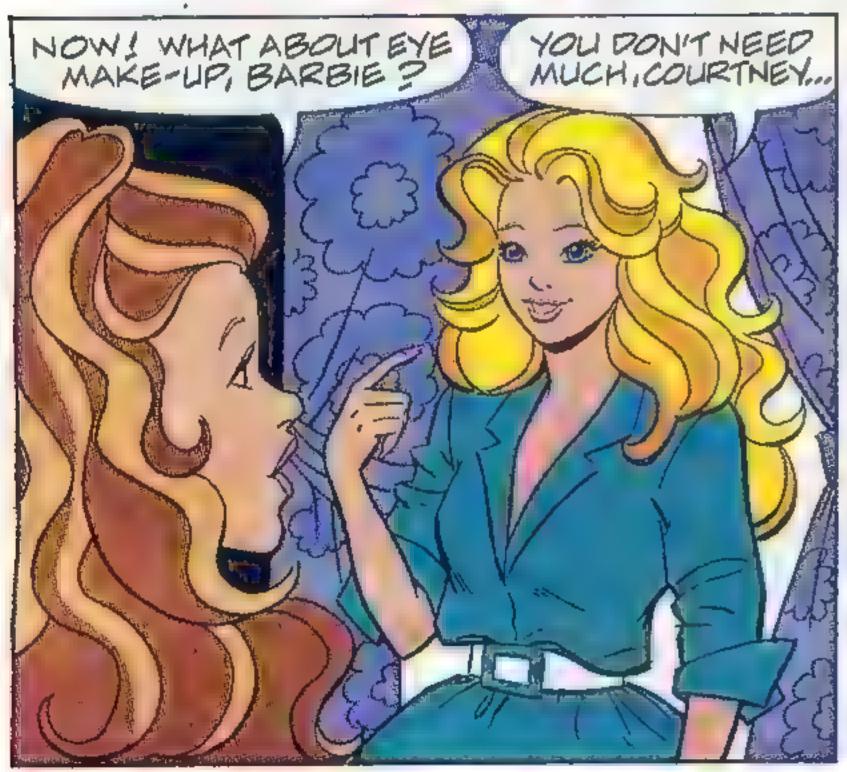




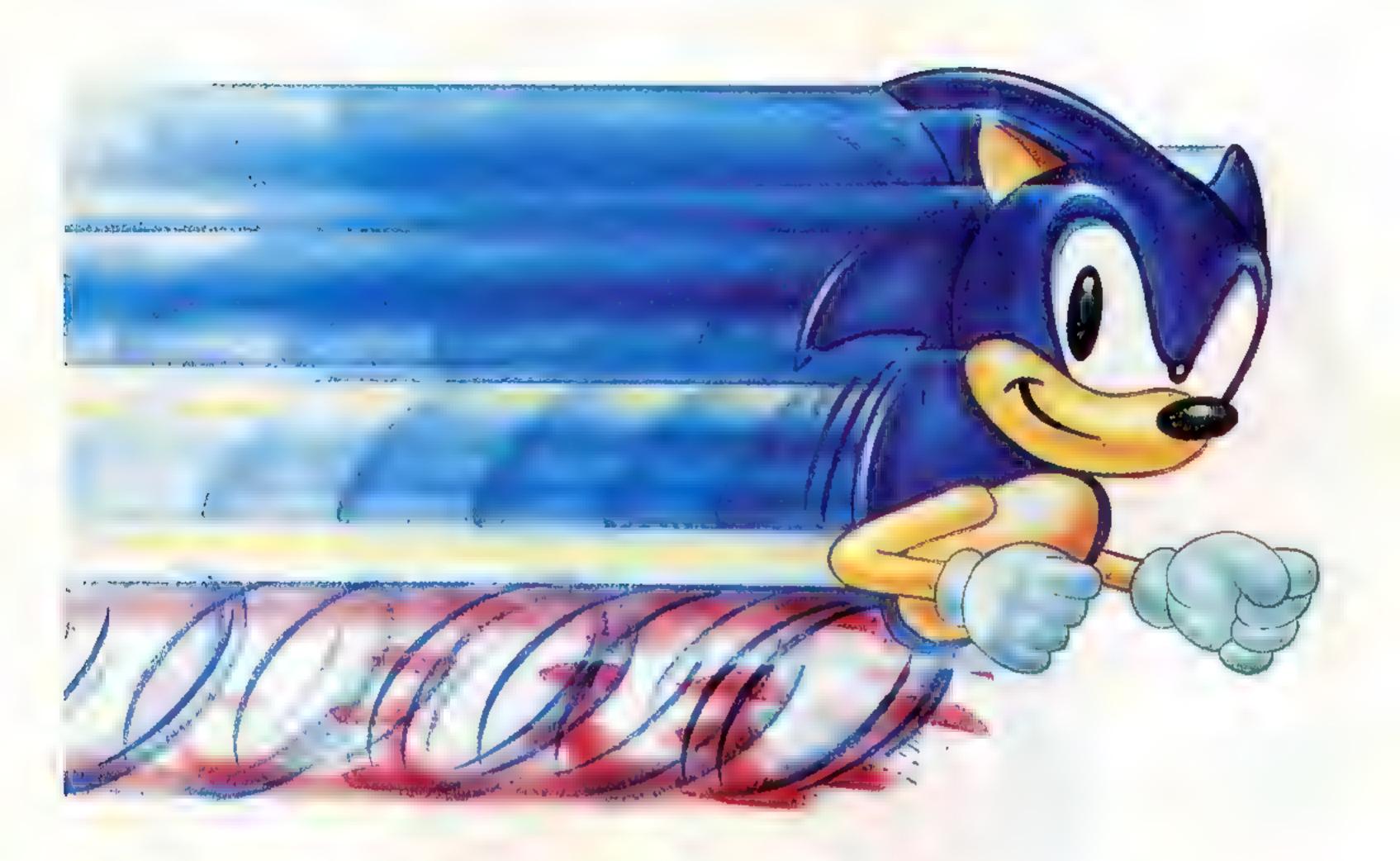












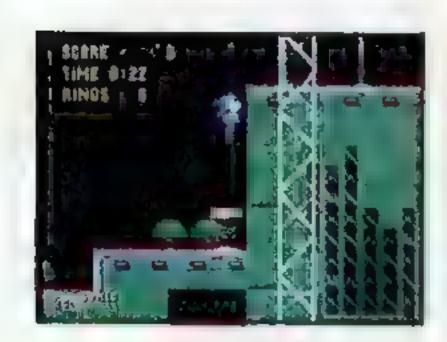
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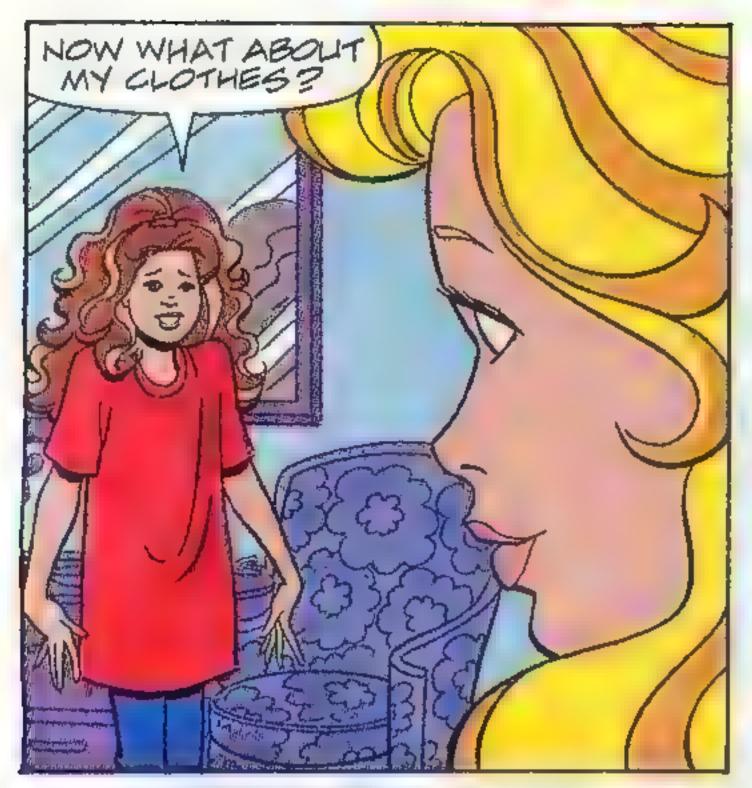
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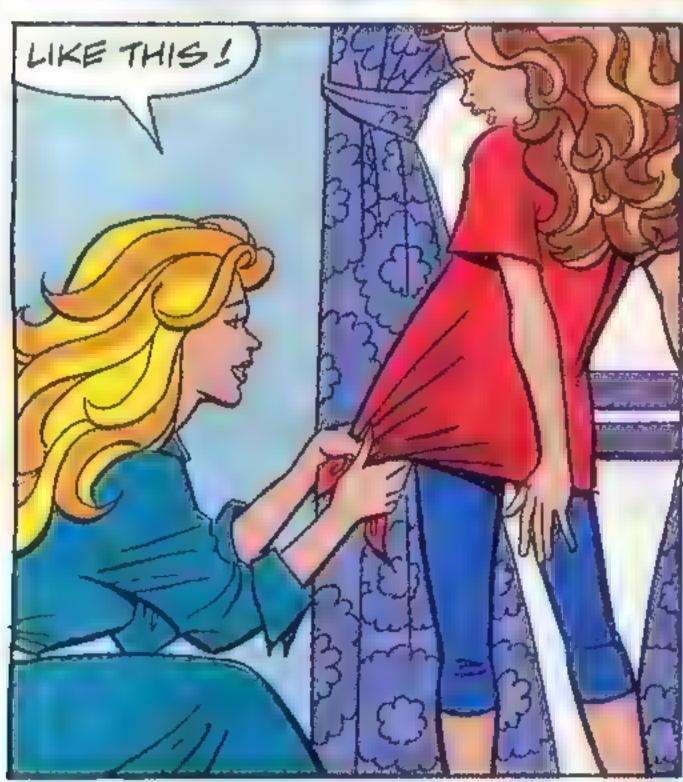


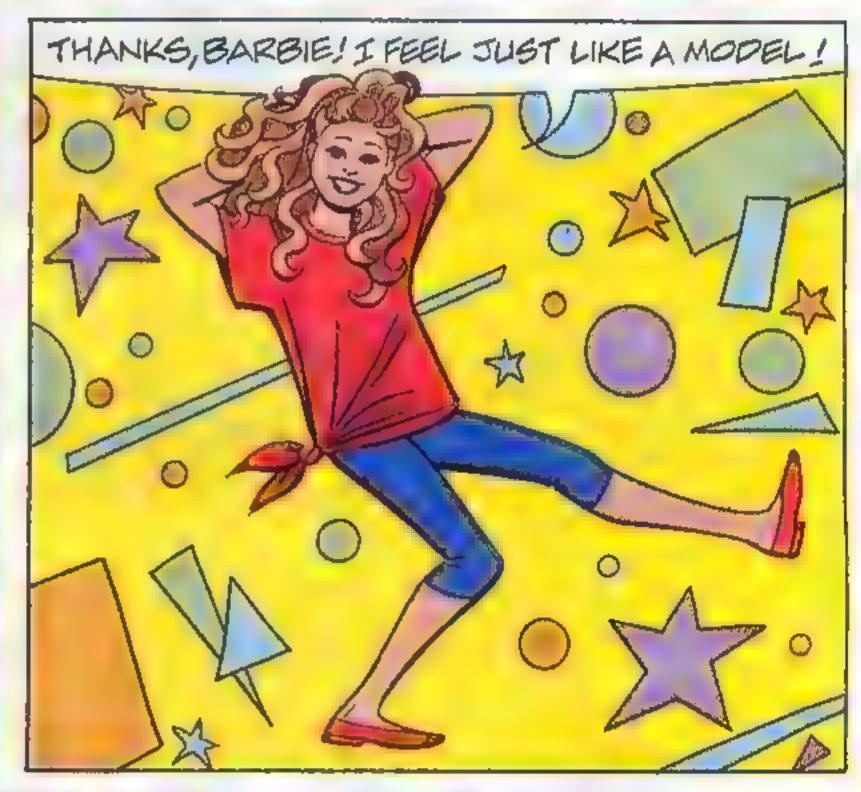


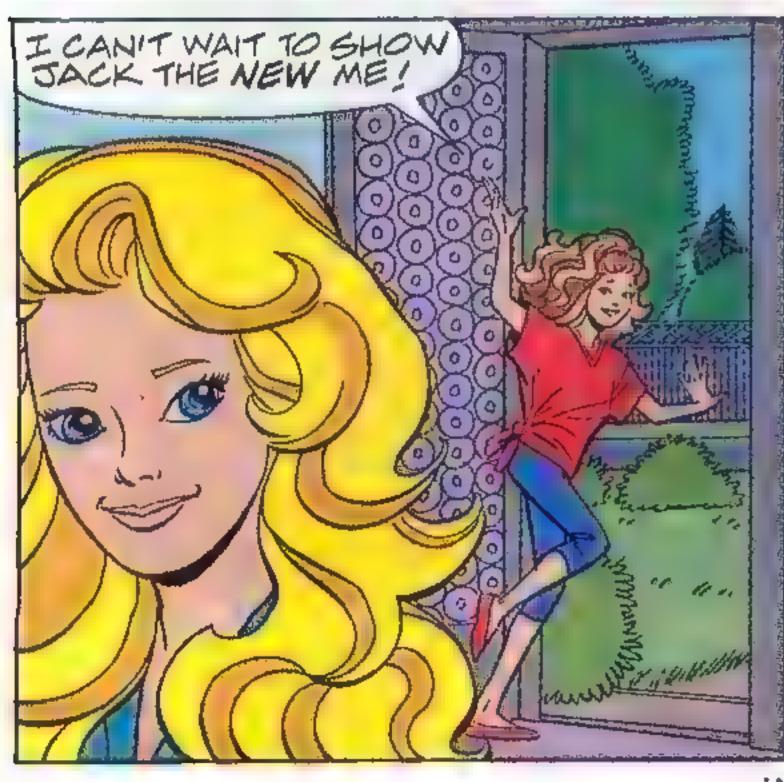


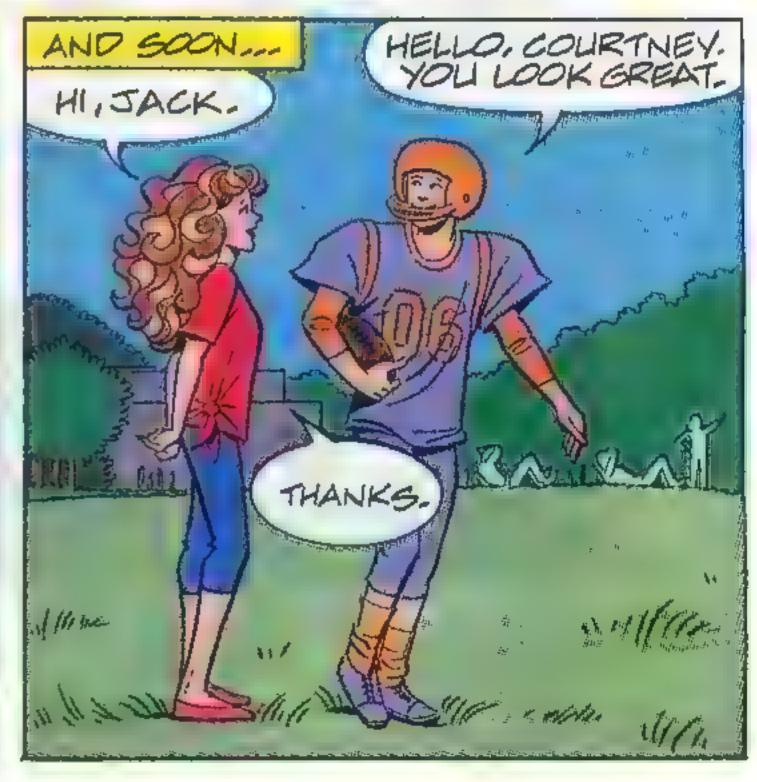




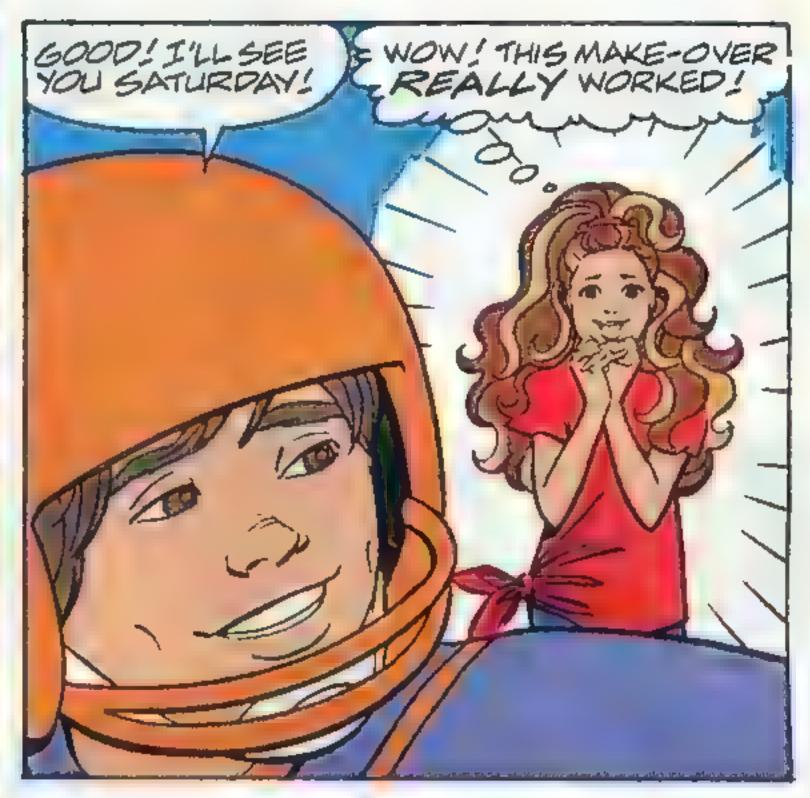




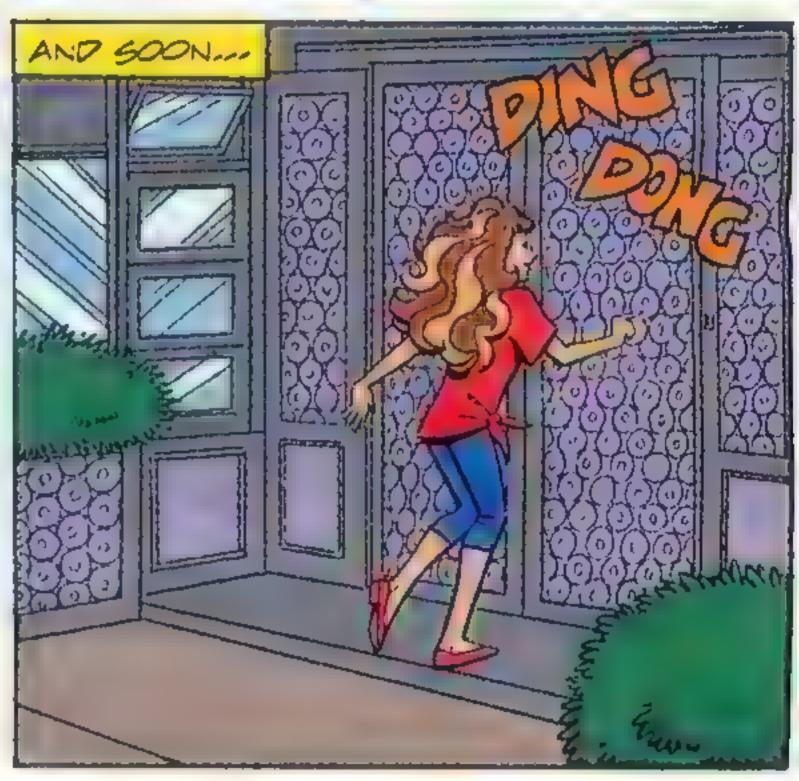


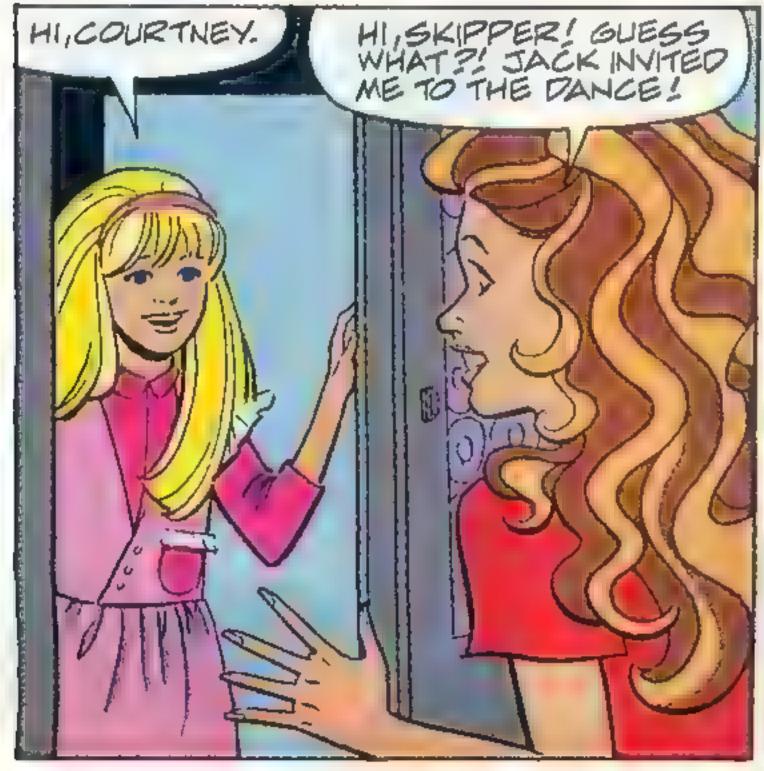














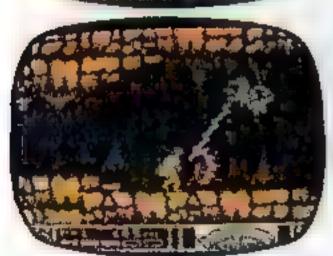


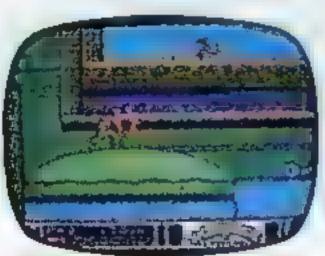
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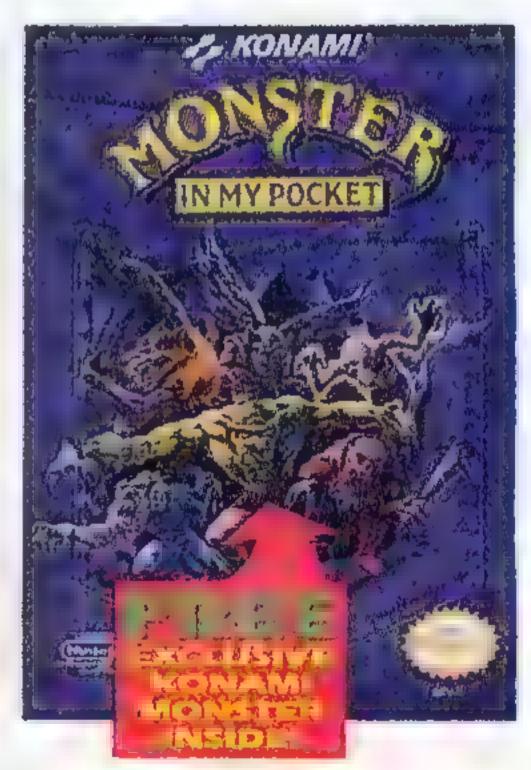


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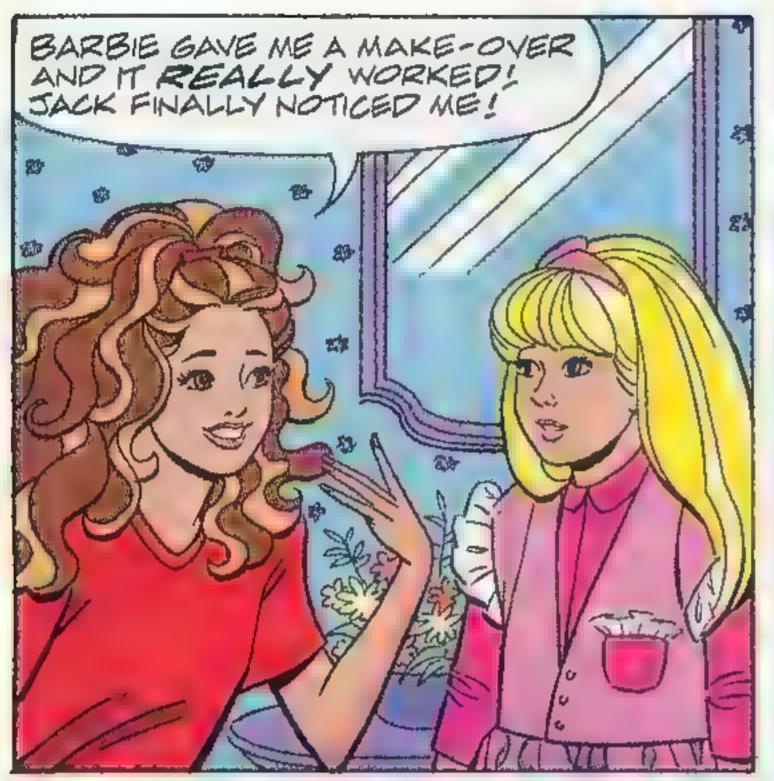






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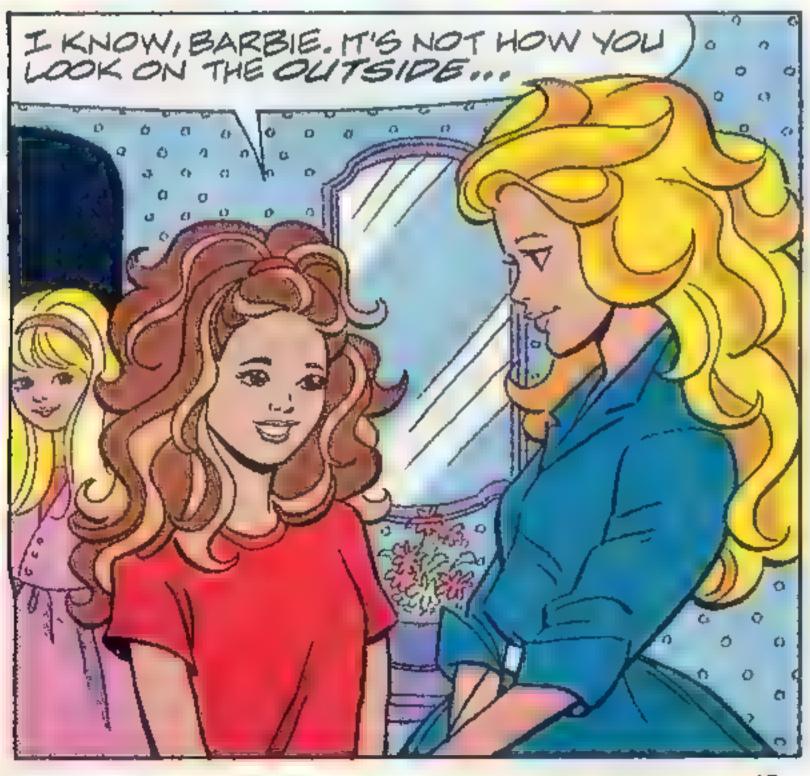
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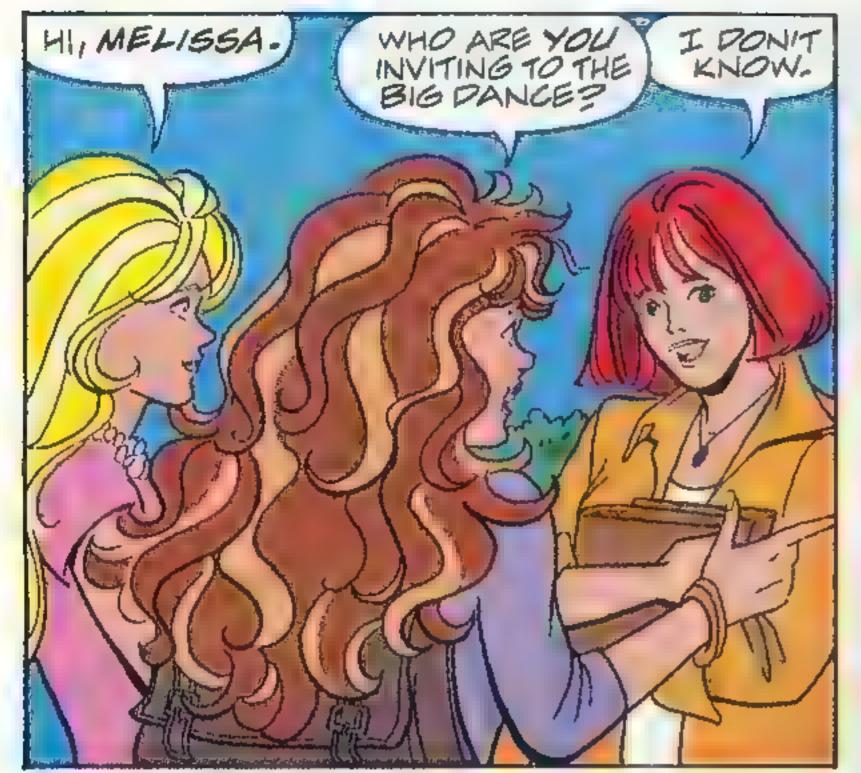










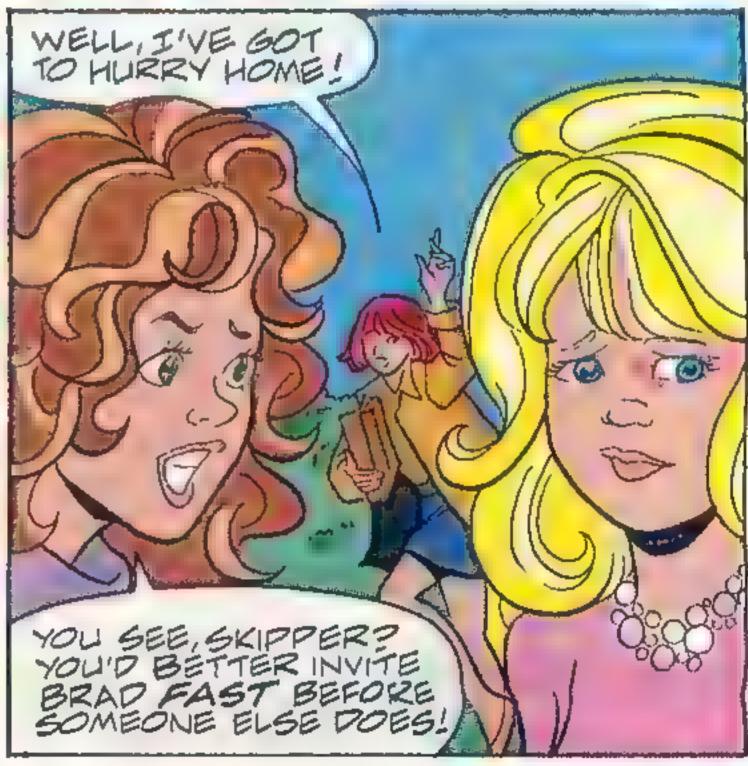


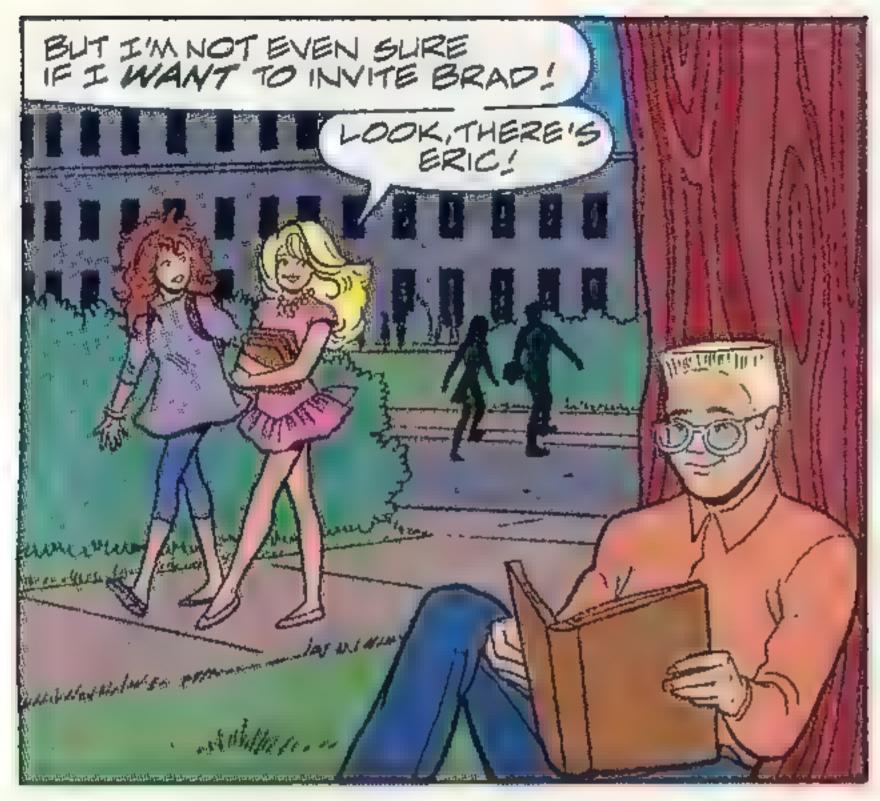


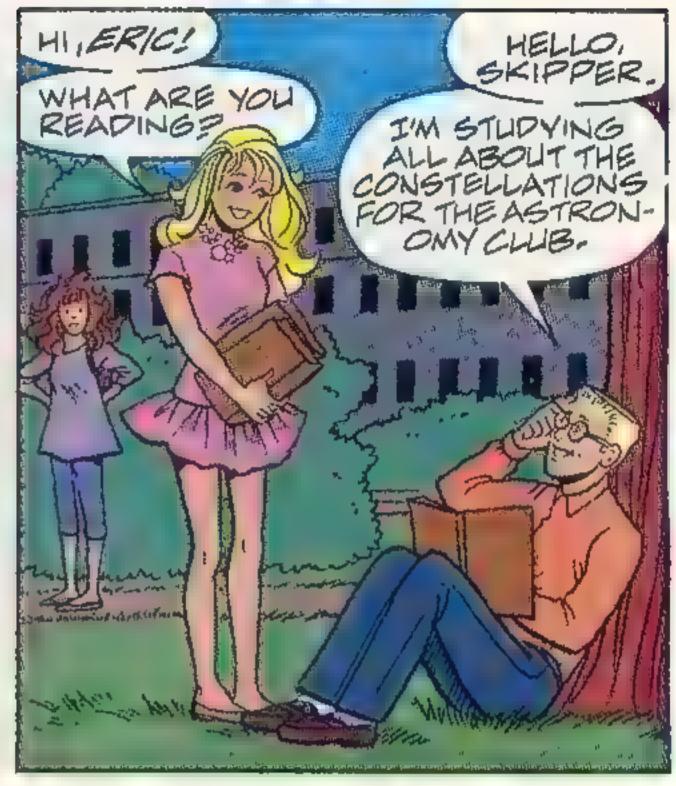






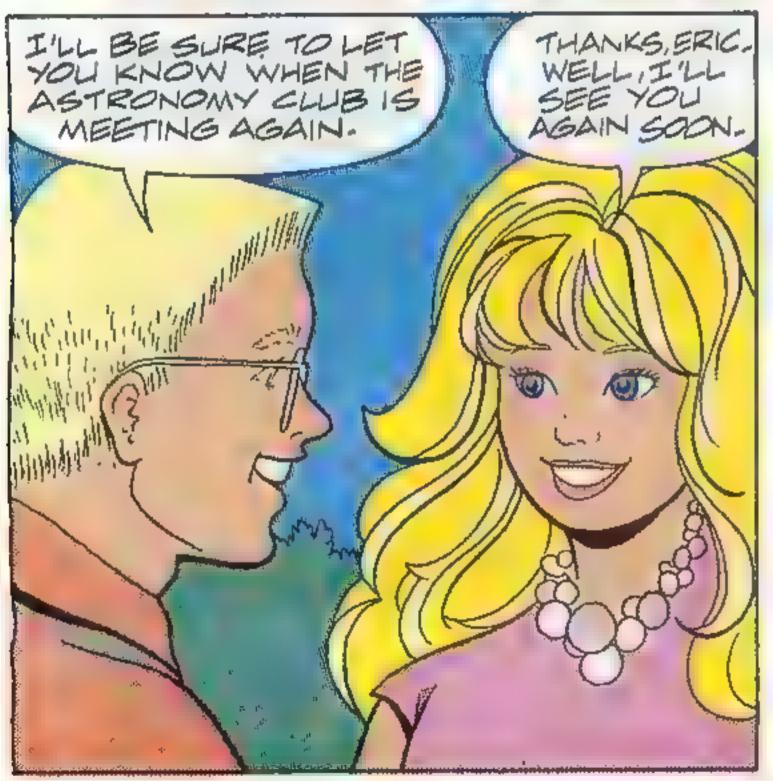




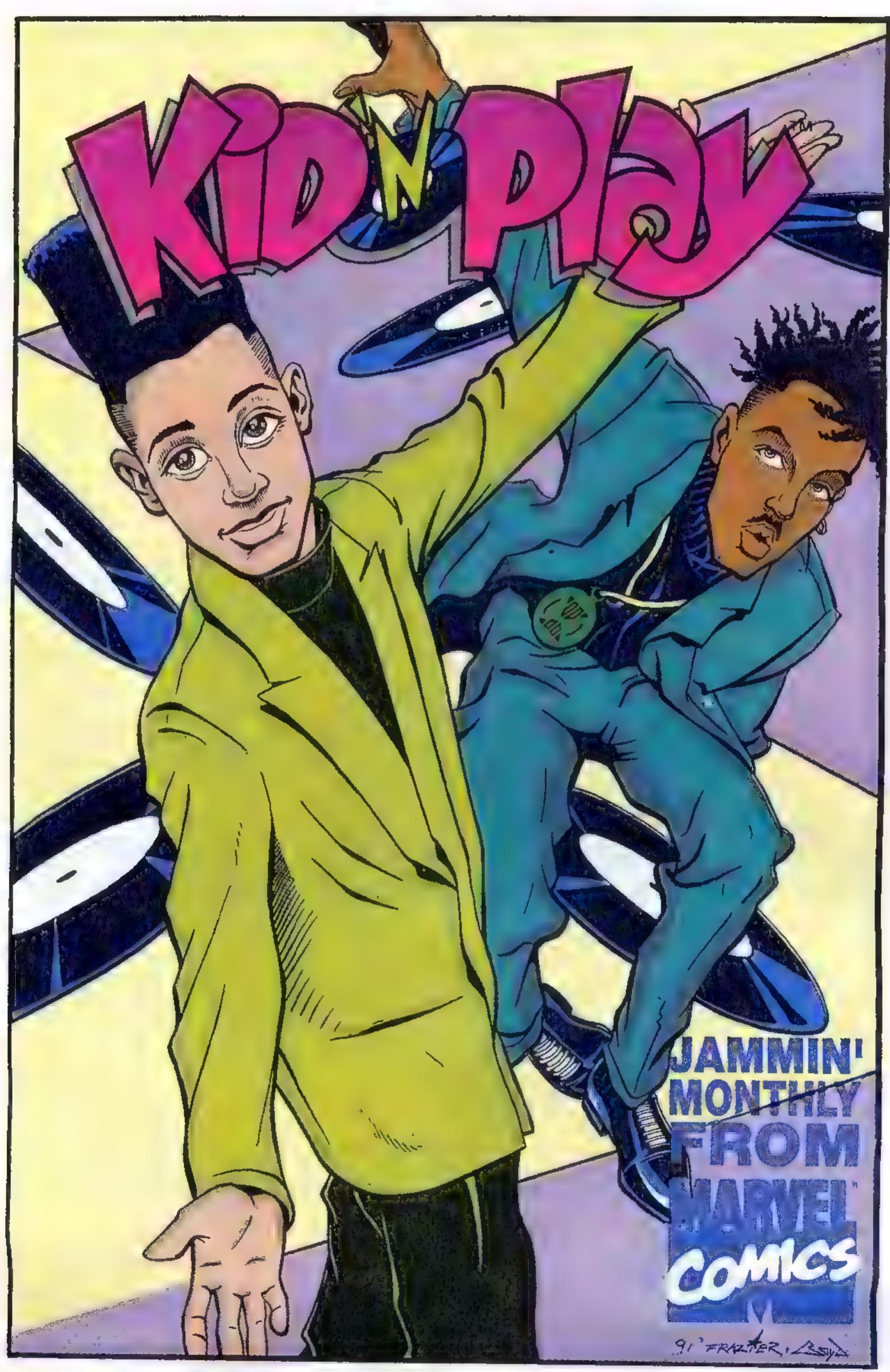




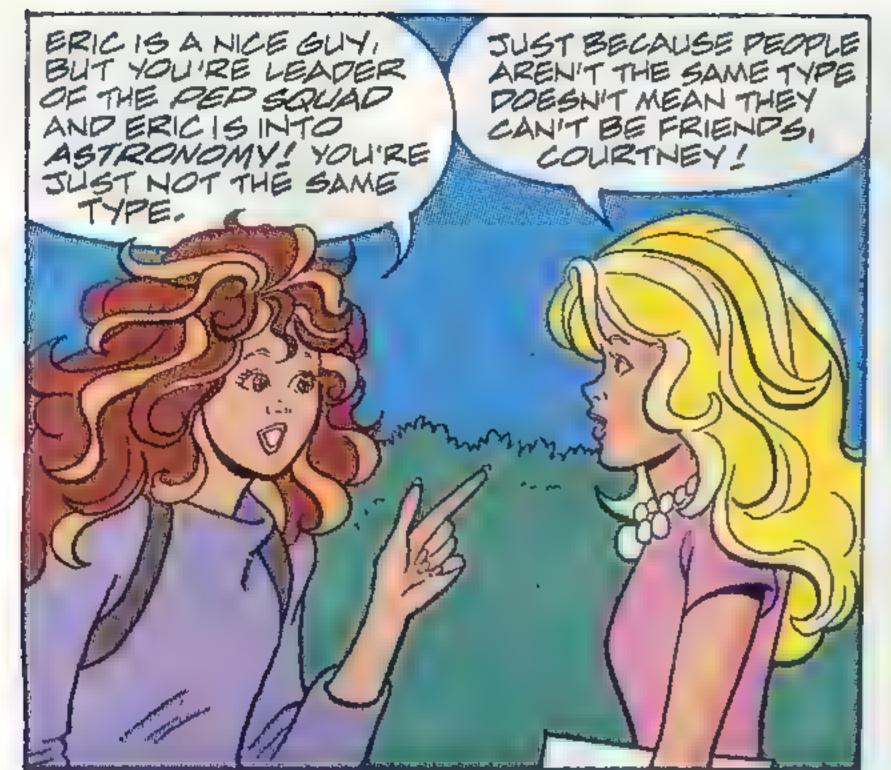




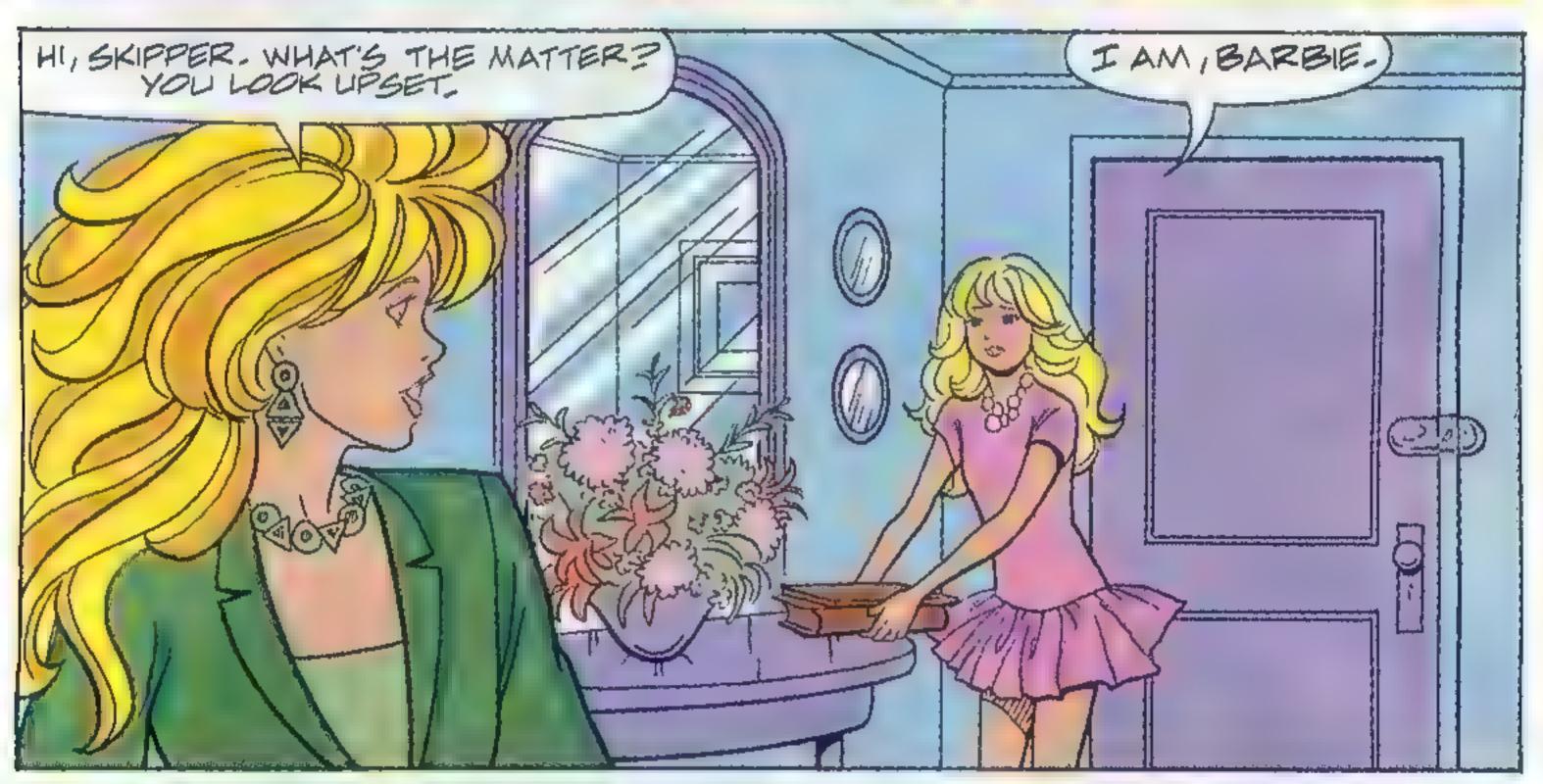


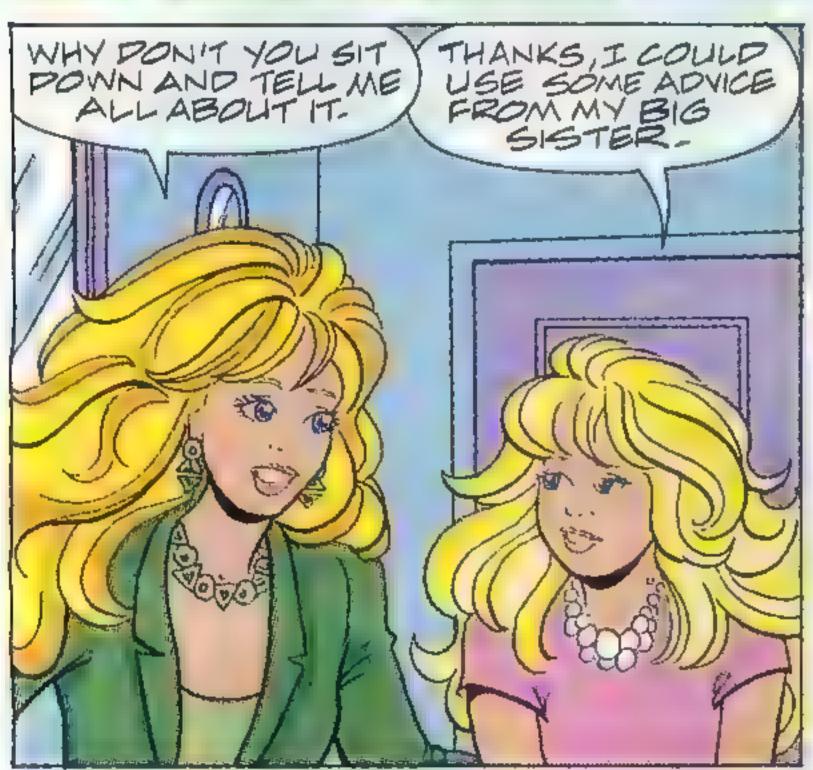


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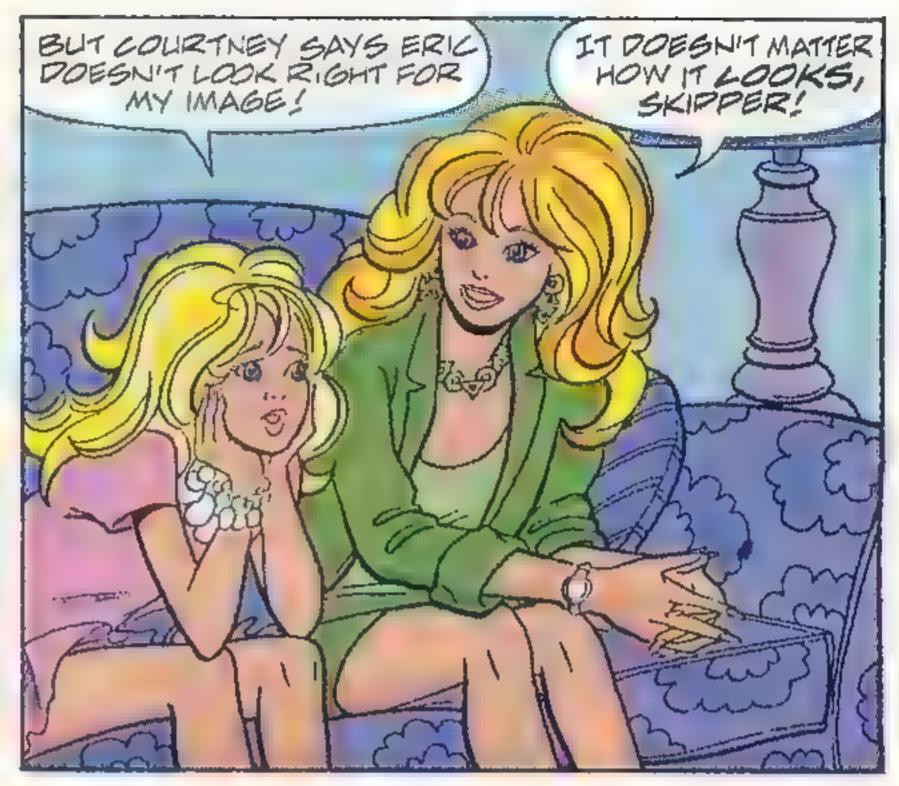




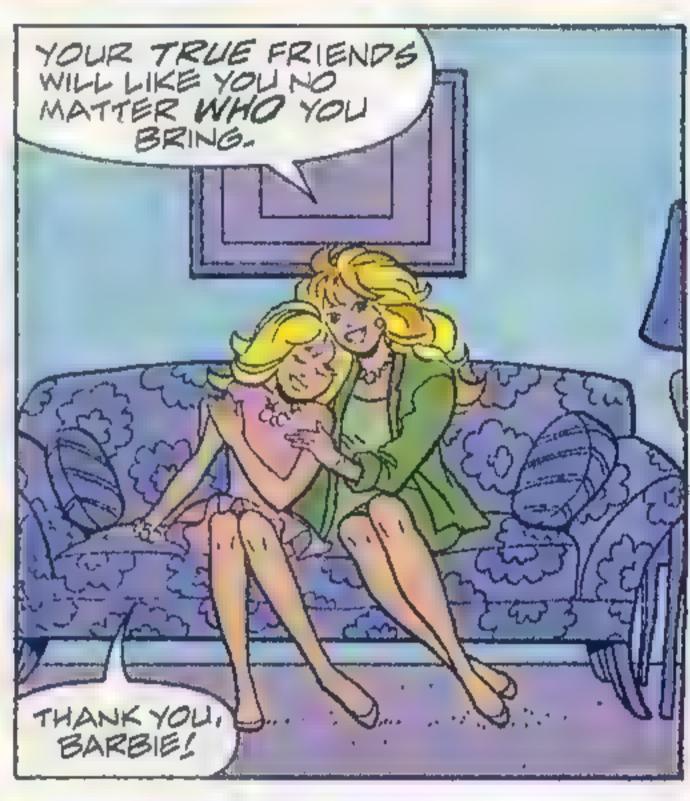




















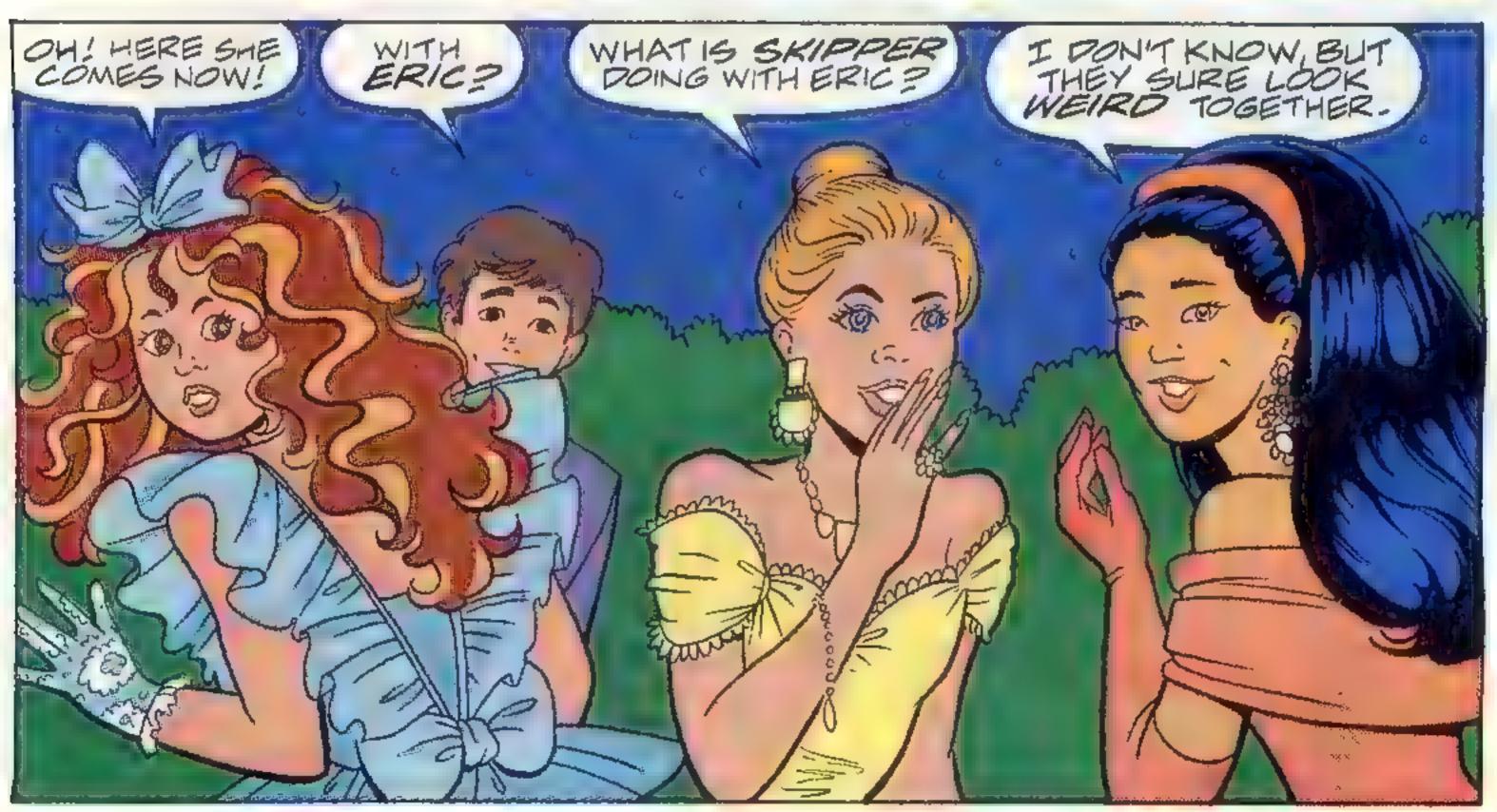


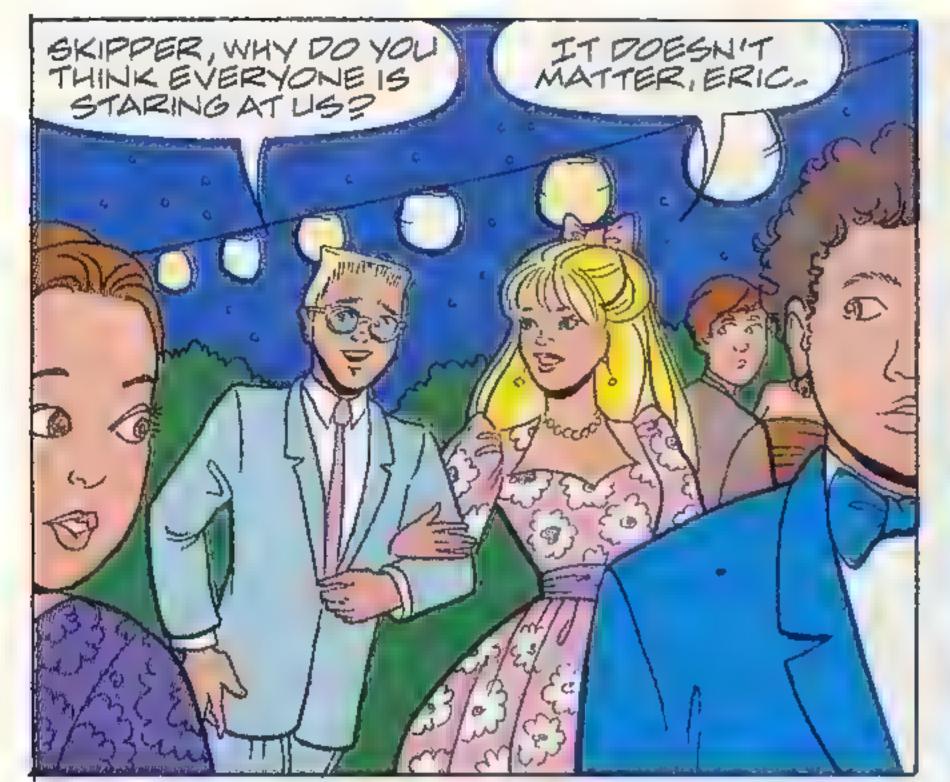
























STAN'S SOAPBOX

HI, Heroes!

Remember this date -- October '91! It was one of the biggest, most important months in the halcyon history of mighty Marvel! What made it so important? Hey, I thought you'd never ask!

In previous Soapboxes I gave you a number of hints about big things happening out here in Hollywood, big things that I wasn't free to talk about until the contracts were signed and the deals were closed. Well, it's now official! The biggest movie project we've ever planned is now under way - and if you guessed SPIDER-MAN, then award yourself a twelve-cylinder no-prize with fuel injection!

But here's the most exciting part -guess who's gonna write, direct, and

produce the first ever big-budget, feature film of the world's most famous wallcrawler? Wouldja believe James Cameron?!! That's right, Bunky, the same fabulous, super-fantastic filmmaker who bestowed upon a wildly cheering, wide-eyed world such monster hits as ALIENS, THE ABYSS and the two titanic TERMINATOR thrillers! So you can take this to the bank, Believer ---SPIDER-MAN is destined to be the biggest, boldest, baaaaadest blockbustin' bombshell of a super hero action extravaganza ever to hit the screen!

Now then, before you start bombarding us with letters and phone calls asking who's gonna star in our fabulous forthcoming flick, or who the villain will be, let me advise you that those decisions haven't yet been made. First, the story has to be structured and then a screenplay written. That will probably take months because we're determined to make it the greatest action thriller of all. But as soon as more info comes through, even faster than you can wiggle your webs you'll get the scoop via the ol' Soapbox column as well as in the various newsletters we'll be sending to all the Wild Agents of Marvel¹

And next issue, on this very same page, if Irving Forbush doesn't elope with Aunt May in the next thirty days, I'll 1 bring you some additional exciting news about X-MEN hitting the screen! Who T says this isn't the Marvel Age of Awesome Announcements?!!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

OR THE NEXT NINE PARAGRAPHS, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A TEST OF THE EMERGENCY BULLPEN SYSTEM. THIS IS ONLY A TEST. ALL YOU WILL NEED IS AN INSATIABLE, ALL-CONSUMING, ALMOST OBSESSIVE CURIOSITY ABOUT ALL THINGS MARVEL. READY ... BEGIN!

February is the shortest month, so that means we'll make this column as short as possible, and try to write it in the shortest amount of time. Actually, this is a leap year - does that mean we should skip over the page this month? (The preceding joke sponsored by the One Bad Joke Per Bullpen Page Committee.)

Some new faces have appeared on staff since our last column, and most have had bodies to go along with them, as Marvel is not in the habit of hiring detached faces. (Except over in the HELLRAISER office, where they encourage that kind of thing.) New to the editorial staff are Hildy Mesnik, who will be taking over G.I. JOE and the BARBIE titles. (Does this mean G.I. Joe will finally get to ask out Barbie?) Hildy won the assignment over many of our male editors, who were eager to play with Barbie, even if only twice a month.

Assisting Hildy is Kevin Kobasic — a natural choice, as he was previously assistant to Don Daley on the PUNISHER books. Kevin brings to the BARBIE titles his experience working with hard-nosed characters (relax, Don, we're not talking about you), and perhaps can give BARBIE that edge she needs to succeed in today's competitive comics field. Replacing Kev in Don's office is Tim Tuchy, formerly Don's college intern.

Also moving up in the world, like three-day old cream in a cup of coffee, is MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE assistant editor, Mike Lackey. Mike is now a full-fledged staff member. Mike was only half-fledged before, so now the rest of us can stop staring and pointing. ' Mike is also the writer of the new WORLD CHAMPI-ONSHIP WRESTLING comic which debuts this month, and claims his dream is to have the

WCW champion hit him over the head with a

steel chair. Keep dreaming, Mike. It'll happen someday.

Our own dream is to make it all the way to the end of the new Spider-Man arcade game from Sega! The game is a lot of fun, pitting Spider-Man, the Black Cat, and the Sub-Mariner against many of Spidey's deadliest foes, including the Hobgoblin, the Scorpion, and Venom. (Watch out for Venom - he cheats!) Also out now in arcades everywhere



FEBRUARY G99LOMETER

WHAT THE BULLPEN WAS BUZZING ABOUT LAST NOVEMBER

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- THE RECESSION
- BELLYBUTTON LINT

is a Captain America and the Avengers game, featuring not only Cap, but also Iron Man, the Vision, and Hawkeye against some of their greatest antagonists, such as the Mandarin and the Red Skull. Both games feature state of the art graphics, and are great for improving your eye-hand coordination, in case you want 🕙 to become test pilots some day!

But don't spend your last quarter yet coming your way real soon is the all-new X-Men arcade game from Konami. The X-Men game promises to be our best game yet, featuring all your favorite merry mixed-up mutants clashing and cavorting in all their glory. You also won't want to miss the Wolverine vs. Magneto hand-held game in the works, and it'll be out later this year. It's the most fun you can have without losing an eye!

And using our collective one good eye, let's look back at the Marvel Halloween party from last year. As we write these words, our teeth are still stained with Halloween candy from the big Marvel Halloween bash, which we, being traditional Marvel Zombies, like to hold once a year. The highlight of the bash is, as always, our wacky Marvelympics, in which all your favorite Marveloids go at it, tooth and claw.

The big winner this year was SHIELD inker Don Hudson, who was the loudest screamer, and stuffed the most candy corn in his mouth. Don was defeated, however, in the big musical chairs competition by Epic assistant editor Tom Daning. Noted Tom, "I've got the fastest cheeks in the west!" Tom's boss Marcus McLaurin also scored a victory in the "draw a caricature of a fellow employee" contest. Marc drew Jim Salicrup, which is actually not as hard as it looks.

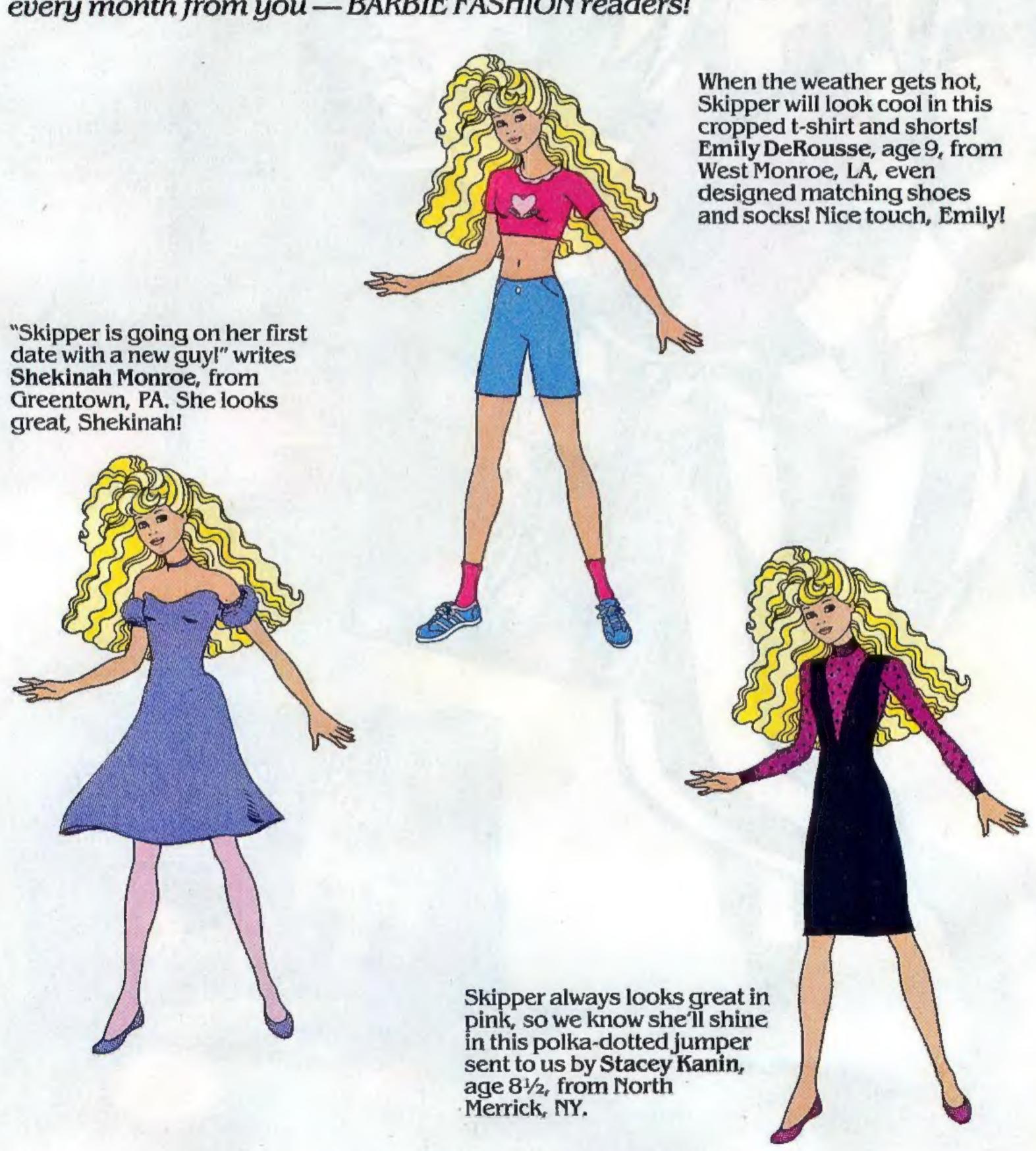
Best costumes at the party included NOMAD editor Glenn Herdling's Venom, and Glenn's assistant Pat Garrahy as Terminator 2. Assistant Editor Evan Skolnick came as DEATHLOK-editor Tom Brevoort, and no one could tell them apart! Even though it's only February, it's still not too early to start thinking about this year's Halloween bash. After all, February is the shortest month ...

THIS CONCLUDES OUR TEST OF THE EMERGENCY BULLPEN PAGE SYSTEM. THIS WAS ONLY A TEST. HAD THIS BEEN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY, YOUR SPIDER-SENSE WOULD HAVE STARTED TINGLING, YOUR PULSE WOULD HAVE STARTED POUNDING, AND YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO SING THE THEME SONG FOR WAM, THE NEW MARVEL FAN CLUB!



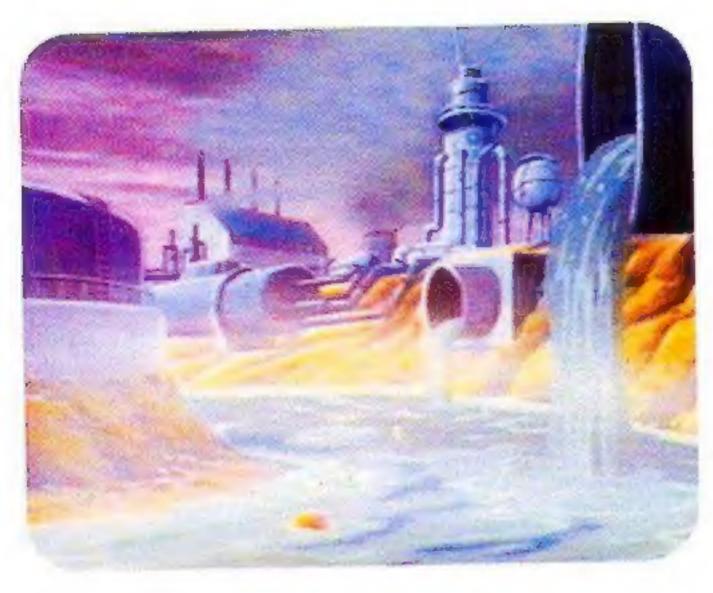
STEPS OUT

If you enjoyed reading about Skipper and her adventures with her friend Courtney in this issue of BARBIE FASHION, we know you'll love these fabulous fashions! We proudly present just a few of the hundreds of designs we receive every month from you — BARBIE FASHION readers!

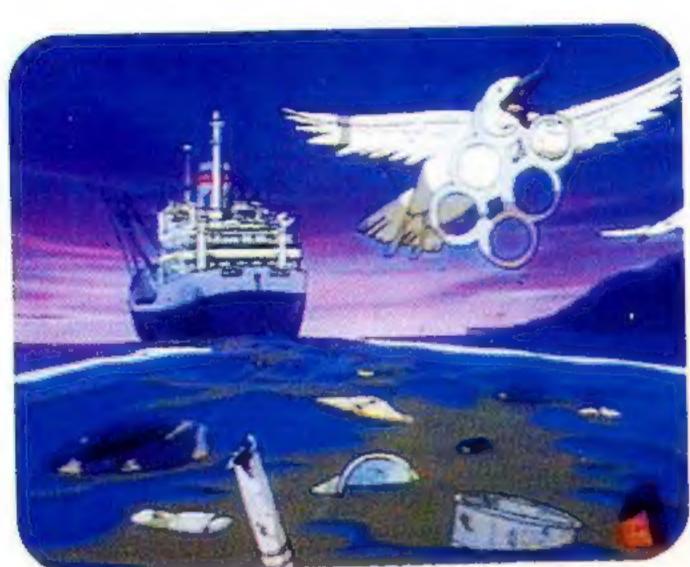




If you have a fashion for Barbie, or any of Barbie's friends, send it to us here at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age, and address.









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